



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DENNIS DAUGAARD, GOVERNOR

June 21, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I am writing to express my support of the AT&T and T-Mobile USA merger.

As Governor of the great state of South Dakota, my number one priority is to create jobs and grow our economy. Expanded access to advanced high-speed broadband wireless coverage is an important tool, and we need to create a state with more jobs, more wealth, and more opportunities for our young people.

Expanded access to advanced high-speed broadband wireless coverage is critical for us to prosper in a global economy. Most businesses demand and require immediate access to the rest of the world, which the use of expanded high-speed broadband services is facilitating. The continued expansion of access to reliable advanced high-speed broadband wireless coverage is of paramount importance in the state of South Dakota's efforts to support the business growth within South Dakota.

Though the economic benefits of greater wireless connectivity are exciting, it is important to note that the promise does not end there. Fast and reliable broadband will add to an already great quality of life that we enjoy in South Dakota. Added connectivity will allow our state's schools the ability to better collaborate, provide an excellent platform for more efficient healthcare delivery, and better connect some of our state's most vulnerable; the disabled and elderly. These opportunities will be extended to many rural areas that are currently underserved.

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Economic growth, connectivity, and ingenuity shouldn't be limited by geography. I welcome the chance to unleash the benefits of increased broadband access for the citizens of our state and to the benefit of our Nation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dennis Daugaard". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Dennis Daugaard

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